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 SERIAL: LD2105203291  
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 SUBJ: OBJECT DISCOVERED FLOATING AROUND MIR STATION  
 SOURCE: MOSCOW CENTRAL TELEVISION FIRST PROGRAM NETWORK IN RUSSIAN  
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TEXT:

(((FROM THE "VREMYA" NEWSCAST))  
 ((EXCERPTS)) THE FLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET-BRITISH CREW ONBOARD THE  
 MIR STATION IS CONTINUING. THERE ARE ALREADY PRIMARY RESULTS FROM  
 THE JOINT WORK. NOT ALL OF THEM CAN BE UNEQUIVOCALLY INTERPRETED,  
 HOWEVER. OUR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS:

((BEGIN RECORDING)) ((CORRESPONDENT P. ORLOV, IDENTIFIED BY  
 CAPTION, VOICE OFF SCREEN)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED ON SHARMAN'S INITIAL  
 IMPRESSIONS OF WEIGHTLESSNESS)) YESTERDAY EVENING, DURING THE LATE  
 COMMUNICATION SESSION, A STRANGE OBJECT WAS FILMED. YOU CAN SEE IT,  
 THERE, AT THE VERY CENTER OF THE SCREEN. ((VIDEO SHOWS THE MIR  
 STATION IN SPACE AND A PHOSPHORESCENT OBJECT HOVERING AROUND IT))

IF IT IS A UFO, SO BE IT. BUT MUSA MANAROV, WHO WAS FILMING THE  
 CRAFT DURING DOCKING WITH THE STATION, HAS DOUBTS, SAYING THAT HE  
 SAW HOW THAT THING WAS COMING OFF THE CRAFT. OF COURSE, THERE IS  
 NOTHING CHEERFUL IN THE FACT THAT AN OBJECT OF QUITE A CONSIDERABLE  
 SIZE IS FLYING AROUND THE STATION, EVEN IF IT IS NOT A PART OF THE  
 SOYUZ CARGO CRAFT.

((UNIDENTIFIED VOICE OFF SCREEN)) MOVE CLOSER, PLEASE.

((ORLOV)) LET US RECALL THAT HELEN SHARMAN IS THE FIRST WOMAN ON  
 BOARD THE MIR STATION, SOMETHING TO MAKE SEAMEN ENVIOUS. JOKING  
 ASIDE, IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHAT IT IS THAT IS ACCOMPANYING THE  
 STATION. ((END RECORDING))

WELL, WE WILL WAIT FOR FURTHER REPORTS. THE FACT IS QUITE  
 INTERESTING INDEED AND, PERHAPS, FAIRLY ALARMING.

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